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## **MAYOR JERRY SANDERS**

### **FACT SHEET**

# **MAYOR SAYS CUT LAWN-WATERING TO 7 MINUTES**

*City Will Begin Airing New Public-Service Announcement Today*

Mayor Jerry Sanders today asked residents to observe a new set of lawn-watering rules beginning Nov. 1. The new City Council-approved rules require residents to run their lawn sprinklers a maximum of seven minutes, down from a previous maximum of ten minutes.

San Diegans can still water their lawns three days a week and each resident's scheduled watering days remain unchanged from June 1, when the city first announced mandatory water restrictions.

- Odd-numbered homes can water Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- Even-numbered homes, Saturday, Monday, Wednesday.
- Apartments, condos and businesses, Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

The mayor also urged the state Legislature to take action on a package that will ensure long-term water reliability and protect the Bay-Delta ecosystem, from which San Diego County gets nearly 30% of its water. The Legislature has been working for weeks on a potentially historic deal that could make vital improvements to the way water flows from Northern to Southern California. Sanders met last week with the mayors of Los Angeles, Fresno, Long Beach, Santa Ana and San Jose. All agreed that the time to act is now.

"No water deal will be perfect, but we can no longer afford to ignore the long-term water-supply and environmental issues facing the Bay-Delta region and the entire state," Sanders said. "Doing nothing is simply no longer an option. I urge the Legislature to act quickly and wisely."

For more information on the city's water conservation efforts -- including a list of sprinkler systems exempt from the water restrictions -- please visit the city's Web site:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation/drought/index.shtml>.